



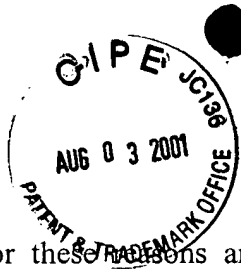
## **REMARKS**

Appellant files this Reply Brief to address what might be considered new points of argument raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer in this case. The specific points of arguments addressed are reproduced below, followed by Appellant's response.

### **ISSUE:**

The Examiner's Answer essentially argues, among other things, that it is well known in the art to have a peripheral device such as Burnett's printer being a peripheral hub having a plurality of USB ports (Examiner's Answer, page 4). This assertion is clearly wrong. The argument ignores, among other things, the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would NOT consider a peripheral device such as a printer to be in the same category as a peripheral hub device. The comparison is akin to equating a power plant with a toaster because the toaster operates using the electricity generated by the power plant, the comparison is simply ludicrous.

The Examiner's answer makes reference to claims 5 and 9 of Appellant's application (Examiner's Answer, page 4). Appellant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 9 are not included with the appealed claims.



CONCLUSION

For these reasons and the reasons originally presented in Appellant's Appeal Brief, Appellant therefore requests the rejections of the claims be withdrawn and the application be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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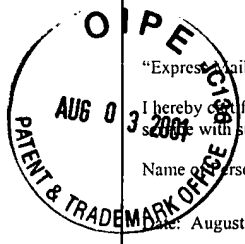
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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With regard to the above-identified patent application, we are transmitting herewith the following:

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2. Return postcard.

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